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SUBJ: BULGARIA MEDIA ON VIETNAM ACCORDS

1. UNDER HEADLINE " DISGRACEFUL AND RIDICULOUS" , LEAD
ARTICLE MARCH 13 RABOTNICHESKO DELO ATTACHS US FOR
SLOW PACE OF CLEARING MINES HAIPHONG HARBOR. R. D.
CORRESPONDENT ASKS RHETORICALLY WHY US HAS DONE NOTHING
TO FULFILL PARIS AGREEMENTS AND TAKENS STEPS TO CLEAR
MINES. " HOW LONG IS THIS UNPRECEDENTED INSOLENC OF
THE AMERICAN AGRESSORS TO CONTINUE?" HE CONTINUES BY
NOTING THAT IT MAY BE OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY US HAS DONE NOTHING,
SINCE " HUNDREDS" OF US SPECIALISTS ARRIVED SOME
TIME AGO. BUT, ACCORDING TO R. D., THEY HAVE DETONATED ONLY
ONE MINE IN 40 DAYS SINCE SIGNING OF PARIS ACCORDS.
ALTHOUGH US MAKES EXCUSES, THESE ARE CLEARLY RIDICULOUS.
ARTICLE STATES THAT " IN THIS INSTANCE, AS WELL, WASHINGTON
REFUSES TO TAKE SERIOUSLY ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION."

2. PROMINENCE OF ARTICLE, AS WELL AS ITS OFFENSIVE
LANGUAGE, IS DEPARTURE FROM RECENT BULGARIAN PRACTICE
OF PLAYING VIETNAM ISSUE RELATIVELY CAREFULLY. EMBASSY
INTENDS ON SUITABLE OCCASION BRING THIS ARTICLE TO ATTENTION

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS AS EXAMPLE OF CONTINUED

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